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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

We now know to what Hitler referred some weeks ago when he spoke of a weapon to be used against Great Britain for which no reprisals or military answer could be found. It is a sea sown with mines dropped from airplanes. It is a logical development of aerial warfare. The fact that it hits neutral shipping just as hard as it does the Allies will not much disturb Germany.

According to reports the mines are lowered by parachutes which dissolve in the sea water. The mines then, so arranged as to drift about at a few feet below the surface, function whenever they come in contact with ships. Regarding the statement of the British admiralty that the mines are magnetized and are drawn to a contact with the iron bottoms of ships we shall need more evidence before we believe it.

There seems to be no doubt, however, that during the last ten days mines planted by plane and submarine are rapidly cutting into British shipping, listed before the war began at over 7,000,000 tons. It will probably take a long time to make any effective showing against British supply lines, but nothing can be more worrying to the insular Britons than attacks upon their sea borne cargoes. Food first, war materials second, and raw materials third for their manufacture and trade, all depend upon a constant stream of loaded ships.

The British will meet this new threat undoubtedly by doubling and redoubling their air patrols in daylight hours and by this means they may cut down the aerial mine laying. But once the Germans have mastered all the geographical intricacies of night flying the planting can go on, with nothing but search lights to detect their operations.

We doubt extremely whether this new weapon will have a decisive effect on the war's outcome. For thus far every new development in offensive warfare has resulted in new defensive devices to offset or neutralize the new development. For instance, tanks no longer present the formidable threat that they did during the World War. Tank traps, land mines and anti-tank guns have largely nullified the menace of the tanks.

From the German point of view, admitting both the spectacular and the menacing attributes of aerial mine planting, time presses. Already there is plenty of evidence that Germany is short of gasoline supplies. Airplane motors consume enormous quantities of this fuel. Attempts of Germany to obtain increased supplies from Rumania have proved fruitless, first because King Carol's government demands payment at full value, and Germany has little to offer in the way of payments of any kind, and second, because England, French and United States interests control something like 70 per cent of the Rumanian oil production. These interests, including those of the United States, will undoubtedly place many an obstacle in the way of meeting Germany's demand. For one thing, news dispatches state that railroad oil tankers belong almost entirely to the producing companies of the nations mentioned.

Germany could, of course, easily invade Rumania, but in that event, just as occurred in the World War, the wells would be destroyed by explosives long before the German troops could take over. By extending their lines thus the general defense of Germany would be weakened without compensating advantages. In Poland, no one knows how much oil is available, but it is a safe bet the Poles destroyed as many of their wells as time permitted before the tide of German invasion overwhelmed them.

We may infer by subtracting propaganda elements from news dispatches that the situation in Germany, even without considering food supplies, is daily growing more desperate as regards war materials. The pressure upon neutrals all along German borders, to make peace proposals, the haste with which Germany rushes from one neutral capital to another in an effort to consummate advantageous treaties, and even the bluster of Nazi leaders and editorials of the Nazi press, indicate to disinterested observers, that within Germany the tide of desperation is steadily rising.

NEVADA CO. PAYS $15,678 MONTHLY TO NEEDY AGED

Aid to 458 needy aged persons in Nevada county in September, 1939, averaged $34.23 per person, or a total aid paid out through the county for the one month of $15,678, according to a study of old age assistance in California counties, recently completed by California Taxpayers' association. Total aid to the needy aged for the year ending September 30, 1939, in the county amounted to $178,760, the association found.

In California 134,668 needy aged persons received aid during September, averaging $32.46 per person. The cost of such aid to taxpayers was $4,371,448 for the one month. For the year ending September 30, 1939, aid to needy aged persons in California exceeded $50,000,000 the actual figures being $50,270,061, the association found.

Aid to the needy aged in California is financed on a three way basis, the association stated, pointing out that the county, state, and federal governments contribute. However, the total cost of all such aid must be paid by the taxpayers the association declared.

"The number of persons receiving needy aged aid has shown a steady increase since such assistance was started in California," the association said. "In addition, the average aid per individual has increased. With 2,046 persons aided in 1930 at $22.08 per person, such aid has gone to the 134,668 persons receiving average aid of $32.46 in September 1939. In 1929-30 aid granted totalled $641,102; for the year ending September 30, 1939 it exceeded $50,000,000."

Urging careful consideration of any further extensions of aid, the association said: "The welfare and standard of living of all the people must be weighed before further extensions of aid are made to any part of it. Americans, and Californians in particular, should think a long time before they further encumber the productive forces for the benefit of any special group."

FOREST STAFF AT CONVENTION

Several members of the Tahoe national forest attended the convention of the Society of American Foresters held in the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco Thursday, Friday and Saturday. DeWitt Nelson supervisor of the Tahoe national forest, gave a very excellent talk on forest fire problems in California. Others present from the local forest were, E. L. Baxter, C. M. Gwin, on the headquarters staff, and the following rangers, F. W. Meggers, of Camptonville; John R. Hodgson, Big Bend; Pete Land, Sierraville, and Charles E. Beardsley, Forest Hill. Frank McCaslin, ranger formerly with the Tahoe national forest, now at Georgetown was also present.

Dr. C. F. Korstain, dean of the school of forestry at Duke University, North Carolina is president of the society. The convention theme was forestry during the next thirty years. Among discussed topics were development of forestry practices and taxation.

MINERS LEAGUE ELECTION

Nomination of new officers for the Mine Workers Protective League will close Thursday night. Olney Donnelley, president, has been renominated. The election will be held in December with newly chosen officers being installed in January.

FIRE BURNS 60 ACRES

State Ranger Will Sharpe was called at midnight Friday night on a fire on Beckman Hill east of Pleasant Valley. The fire burned over 60 acres of brush land in the district which is west of Grass Valley. It is thought the fire may have started in brush piled along a right of way in the Beckman Hill section by WPA workers some time ago. The rain started early in the morning and helped to extinguish the blaze.

WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB TO MEET AT PENROSE HOME

The Woman's Civic Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Penrose on Pine street at 2:30 o'clock. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Parker, state chairman of mental hygiene of Sacramento, At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments will be served.

NEVADA COUNTY TOTAL TAX LEVY IS $418,120

County, school, and special district tax levies on property in Nevada county for the current year total $418,120, according to figures just released by California Taxpayers' Association. Of this amount, $265,116 is for county current purposes. $112,127 for school current purposes, $36,700 for school bonds, and $4,177 for special districts, the association stated. City tax levies and those of irrigation, reclamation, water and other districts not reporting to the county government were not included in the study, the association stated.

The total 1940 tax levy for those governments in the county is more than that in 1939, when the total was $366,593, the association found. It is a major increase from the 1934 levy of $176,340 and is much more than the $266,527 levy for 1935—the year immediately proceding the change in the California tax system under which county school support was transferred to the state general fund and sales and other taxes were levied to increase the support of the state treasury.

Most of the increase in these taxes levied has been for the schools, the association stated, pointing out that the levies for school current purposes in the county increased from $40,125 for 1940 (the first year after the change in the tax system) to $112,127 for 1940. In addition, the tax levy for county current purposes has increased.

For the fiscal year 1933 county, school, and district taxes levied in the 58 counties totalled $205,116,154, the association stated. In 1934, with the change in the tax system and the depression, they went down to $156,866,021. In 1935, because of depression forced economies, they went down again to $156,057,590. By 1934 they had reached an all time high of $231,924,748.

In most counties property taxes levied by the counties, schools, and other districts are higher than before property was "relieved" of the county support of schools, the association declared. Levies in the forty four counties now exceed those for 1933. The levy for general county purposes exceeds the pre-depression levy in all fifty eight counties; school taxes in eleven counties already exceed the levy before the transfer of county school support to the state general fund. Local taxpayers have been "taken" for an enormous increase in the taxes they pay, the association continued. Under the guise of tax "relief" they have accepted sales and other taxes and have unwittingly allowed their local governments to absorb practically all the "relief" expected when they voted to change the tax system. The only real "relief" that the public can hope for must come from decreased public spending—and that will come only when the people demand it.

GEORGE NIHEL'S BROTHER PASSES

Lawrence Dexter Nihel, born in Nevada City seventy three years ago, passed away in Alleghany yesterday afternoon. He was a mill wright and learned the work under his brother George A. Nihel. He left this city fifteen years ago to make his home in Alleghany. Those mourning his passing are his brother, George A. Nihel of Nevada City and many friends.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Holmes Funeral Home chapel. Interment will be in the family plot in Pine Grove cemetery.

Official Tahoe national forest maps are on sale at the local Chamber of Commerce rooms.

RAINFALL THIS SEASON, 5.25 IN.

Rain which started at an early hour Saturday morning brought .80 of an inch of rain to Nevada City. Snow fell in the higher regions with a fall of eight inches at Steep Hollow on the Tahoe Ukiah highway, which now has packed to five inches. The snow fell as low as Washington road junction and snow still remains on the ground there. Snow plows from the state highway camp were busy for 16 hours. Five inches of snow fell at Graniteville and as far down as Snow Tent. This gives a seasonal rainfall of 5.25 inches, which is about 3.17 more than to this date last year.

RED CROSS ROLL STILL GROWING

Contributions to the Red Cross Roll Call are still coming in increasing the amount that will be available for the various humanitarian projects of the American Red Cross and the local chapter.

One dollar membership fees have been received from: Mrs. Byron Eastman, Byron Eastman, Mrs. Poles, Mrs. Alma Lucker, Miss Rita Hutchinson, Mrs. J. F. Siegfried, Mrs. K. M. Williamson, Chas. Everrad, Marie G. Andreim, Willard Tallmon, Larry Landry, Emma Flom, Mable E. Roddy, W. F. Roddy, Alice Moore, Leslie Orzalli, A. L. Silicani, R. S. Worth, Mrs. R. S. Worth, Ted LeMaire, Three Kings Mine, Joy B. Simkins, Wm. A. Simkins, Grace Kimzey, H. T. Pateman, A. B. Innis, Mrs. H. P. Davis.

Other donations were received from: Mrs. A. Agostini, Vernon Gularti, Alice Murchie.

A donation of $5 was received from the Elks Club.

MASTADON SKULL FOUND IN NEW FOSSIL FIELD

BERKELEY, Nov. 27.—Discovery of a promising new fossil field in the Continenaal rock on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, which thus far has yielded the best preserved mastadon skull found in the state, and many other specimens, is announced by the department of paleontology of the University of California. The mammals represented are those which lived in the Pliocene era of geologic and paleontologic history and for the most part are primitive antelope, large land tortoises, which were even bigger than the Galapagos Islands variety, single-toed horses and the mastadon mentioned. The last named type was similar to the modern day elephant and had long lower jaws.

The field is given particular importance because of the fact that most of the specimens are well preserved, despite the fact that some of them are fragmentary. The horses are represented for the most part by teeth alone in the specimens thus far found. The bed as a whole has been found to be fairly rich in material and is somewhat similar to that in the Mt. Diablo region, with the exception that its specimens are in better state of preservation than those of the northern field.

The mastadons in the field were the long headed type with tusks in the lower as well as the upper jaw.

The field is being worked under the direction of Hugo Goertz, who is associated with the museum in this exploratory activity. The entire work of exploration, collection and preparation is under the direction of Dr. Charles L. Camp, chairman of the department of paleontology. The new field in located in Stanislaus county.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Fisher, of San Jose, visited Mrs. Charles Guenther Friday evening. They enjoyed renewing old acquaintances. They lived on Sacramento street in this city and left here many years ago. Mr. Fisher's parents conducted the Plaza Grocery store and sold out to W. B. Celio.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Risley and son left last Thursday for San Francisco and will return tomorrow from a short vacation.

TWENTY TWO BOARDERS NOW IN COUNTY JAIL

Twenty two persons are locked up in the Nevada County jail. Twenty third was turned loose after making a trip to Grass Valley this morning. Last week there were 26 in jail. Three were locked up for a short period. This sudden increase of offenders is the largest in some months showing an increase of criminal activities in the county. Undersheriff Will Woods stated they are locked up for the period of thirty days to a year and are charged with about everything except murder and bank robbery. At the time of the riot on the Murchie mine road there were thirty five in the county jail.

PUMPING ALASKA MINE, LONG JOB

The two pumps in the Alaska mine at Pike City have dewatered the shaft to the 450 foot level making a distance of about 200 feet in a month's time. The pumps have a heavy task. It is expected the shaft will be pumped out in six weeks, when plans call for deeper sinking. Ore bodies are reported to be on the lowest or bottom level at 680 feet depth. The water is now lower in shaft than it has been in about 25 years. Russell Kohlan is in charge of operations which are being handled on a three shift basis with 12 employed. Mr. Sorensen of San Francisco is financing the operations. Col. Miller is engineer.

DARDANELLS SCENE OF GREEK AND TROJAN WAR

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—With the eyes of the world focused on the Dardanelles as a strategic military point today, this interest is merely another item in the historical chart of the straits which, long before the dawn of recorded history played a vital part in economic and military history, points out Dr. Arthur Patch McKinlay, professor of Latin at the University of California here.

Although probably the most romantic period in the straits' long history came when it shared its publicity with glamorous Helen of Troy, "six times at least in the course of the second millineium before Christ men seized upon the same identical site from which to control the trade between the Black Sea region and the eastern Mediterranean," says Dr. McKinlay.

"It took ten years to consummate the most famous struggle for the vital territory concerned. In the end, thanks to Bacchus and the Wooden Horse, the alien who came from the cities around the Agaean Sea and the Adriatic were victorious and again the trade route through the Dardanelles was opened. But strain had been so great that the so-called Mycenaean culture gave way to the Dark Ages.

"Thus did fate play with its human tools, but by a sort of tragic irony we have been given a lifelong heritage in the Iliad of Homer, in the sage of Odysseus and the undying literary pictures of Helen of Troy, Penelope, Nausicca and Calypso, that down through the ages have fixed the eyes of the western world on Troy and the gateway to the Black Sea."

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Julia Festi of Grass Valley surprised Mr. and Mrs. Carribean Orzalli of Grove street with a delightful party last Wednesday evening honoring their fortieth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Orzalli were the recipients of many lovely gifts and bouquets of flowers. Mr. Orzalli is 84 years of age. Dainty refreshments were served.

All of their married life has been spent in Nevada City. They have reared a large family of children nearly all of whom reside in this district. They were married in the old Solaro Hotel at the foot of Broad street. The wedding was one of the largest that year.

Mrs. H. N. Stevens of corner York and Pine streets came down town this afternoon for the first time in four months. She is much improved from a severe illness.

HYDRAULIC ASSN. HEARS HERBERT HOOVER SPEAK

Former President Herbert Hoover who was to have addressed a special meeting of the California Hydraulic Mining Association in Colfax this afternoon did not arrive until after 4 p. m. after many of those gathered to hear him had left. Congressman Harry L. Englebright also made a brief talk at the meeting. As a young graduate Hoover came to Nevada City from Stanford University and gained his first practical experience in mining by working in the local Reward and other nearby properties. He lived in the home of the late R. Fleming on Boulder street now owned by the sons, LaMar and Robert Fleming. Charles Ninnis of this city is one of a group of several men who worked in the mines with Hoover.

CHAMBER DANCE, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL SUCCESS

Figures released today by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce indicated that the net receipts of the Thanksgiving dance held Saturday night would be between $75 and $100. The money will be used to defray expenses for the forthcoming year much of which is expected to be spent in advertising recreational facilities of Nevada City.

The dance—an in-between celebration of Democratic and Republican Thanksgiving—was success from an entertainment as well as monetary standpoint. An hour's program consisting of ten acts of the best talent in the community amused the revelers until 9 o'clock when the dancing began.

H. F. Sofge secretary of the chamber in a statement to the Nugget expressed his thanks to the entertainers and the committees who made possible the success of the dance.

POPULATION OF COUNTY DOUBLED IN NINE YEARS

Nevada county's population at January 1, 1940 will be 21,100 according to preliminary estimates of the population of California counties for 1940, recently made public by California Taxpayers association. The association's estimate shows an increase of 10,504 persons over the 10,596 people in the county at the time of the 1930 census, or an increase of 99 per cent in the number of people in the county.

Population of California is estimated at 7,100,000, an increase of 1,400,000 since the 1930 census, when there were 5,677,251 people in the state, the association stated. This is an increase over the state as a whole of 25 per cent during the 1930-1940 decade, according to the association's estimates.

The ten counties showing the highest percentage increase in population since the last census were. Alpine, Mono, Shasta, Nevada, Mariposa, El Dorado, Yuba, Kern, Trinity and Plumas.

"California is a growing state," the association declared, "but the taxes collected by its state and local governments are increasing more rapidly than is its population. During the present decade, while the population has increased 25 per cent, actual tax collections by the state and local governments have increased 36 per cent in the first nine years of the decade, going from $447,039,551 in 1930 to $609,823,709 in 1939. Since 1933, when state and local tax collections reached their lowest point, $354,735,488 in the current decade, tax collections in California have increased 72 per cent. In other words, the population of the state in ten years increased 25 per cent, and during the first 9 years of those 10 years tax collections increased 36 per cent. However, in the six years since 1933 tax collections have increased 72 per cent."

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Henry of San Francisco spent the past week end with Mr. Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs Will Henry.

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It's A Little Early, Maybe-

But the signs are unmistakable! Back east, the other day, a police judge stared sternly down at a chap caught red-handed in a misdemeanor calling for a few weeks in jail. Then he noticed the man had a luxuriant white beard. "You look," said the judge, "like——" "That's it, your Honor," interrupted the culprit, "like Santa Claus! Every year I get a job playing Santa Claus. If you put me in jail I can't—" "Okay, Santa," the judge weakened; "I can't sentence you to jail now."

The Christmas spirit is beginning to stir. The holiday tang's in the crisp air. Folks are planning family reunions. Already shops are giving their windows the Yuletide glow of green holly and artificial snow as background for alluring holiday stocks. And it isn't at all too early to do what you've probably planned for years to do—and failed to do! That is, get your Christmas shopping out of the way early so it won't be a last-minute ordeal of pushing through crowds and standing in line. There is no sound excuse for such delay these days. Grandpa and grandma may have had to arrange things to "get to the city" for their shopping. But, in this era of modern merchandising, the truest slogan is that "if you can't buy it at home you can't buy it at all." Whether you want to buy an automobile or a fountain pen, a mechanical toy or a fur coat, a set of rare china or fancy basket of fruit—home merchants have it. And it may be purchased in the local shopping district more advantageously than in any big city "emporium" where rental and other overhead costs of doing business are higher. Then, too, early shopping is a way of making Christmas merrier for your fellow townsmen and women who serve you as businessmen and clerks. It seems needless and unfair that —when Christmas day is just around the corner—store workers should be obliged to toil till the last hour to select something for Uncle Joe or Aunt Ella.

Shop early and shop at home—and everybody will have a happier Christmas holiday season. We'll print another editorial along this line later—but those who take advantage from this one won't need to read that one. Which shows the Christmas spirit of kindliness is stirring in us, too!—Contributed.

The Supreme Dictator Stirs!

It's a "queer" war. Nothing has come of pre-war predictions of sky-darkening fleets of bombers obliterating great cities, of lightning thrusts by millions of super-equipped soldiers. Why? The reasons advanced by Lloyd George, last of the great diplomats of World War days, are arresting and—when anaylzed—of encouragement to a war-fearful world. It is not anti-aircraft guns that prevent wholesale bombing of non-combatant populations, but fear of equally destructive reprisals on cities of the agressor nation. Further, pointing out that 1,357,000 Frenchmen were killed and 4,266,000 wounded in the World War, Lloyd George asserts: "French ministers who today projected operations that would incur the same ghastly casualties, in order to restore shattered boundaries in Central Europe, would be speedily overthrown." And recalling that Germany left 1,773,700 dead upon World War battlefields, he declares that "dictator though Hitler be, German opinion—military and civil—now faces his behests involving the spilling of rivers of German blood with a stubborn resistance. And so no general on either side will take the responsibility of repeating the senseless carnage of the great offensives of the last war."

And that simply means that the lethargic, slow-awakening but supreme dictatro—the collective will of the peoples of Europe—is crying out against international mass murder with a voice no dictator, no commander thirsting for military glory dares disobey! The voice of Democracy—for all that Democracy is the united will and action of all the people of a nation assuming authority over their own destiny—is at last defying Hitler. If he smashed the Maginot line by breaking the bodies of millions of German boys against it, his own people would destroy him. Frenchmen will die defending their home soil; but they will not march by millions to their doom against the guns of the Siegfried line. In the very "queerness" of this war lies hope for humanity. Democracy is not dead in Europe. It grows stronger, inevitably and inexorably, while the sworn-hand of the war-mongering dictator falters.—Contributed.

Comrade Aesopski Tells A Tale

Although Communist Russia, by all accounts, has barred "bourgeois" literature as bad for the "freed" masses, Comrade Stalin evidently has kept a copy of Aesop's famous fables around for emergencies. Lately he must have drawn upon the fable about the wolf and the lamb who came to the same stream to drink. "I'm going to eat you," cried the wolf, "because you've muddled the water I'm drinking!" "That can't be," said the lamb, "because you are upstream from me." "Well," growled the wolf, "you muddied my water last year." "That couldn't be," protested the lamb, "because I wasn't born until this year." "Well, then," howled the wolf, "I'm going to eat you anyway!"

Last week the official Soviet radio charged Finland with the guilt of floods from overflow of the river Neva in the streets of Leningrad, because winds from Finland caused the overflow. The Finns, the broadcast charged, neglected to inform Russia of meteorological conditions in Finland that would have given advance warning of the flood-causing winds —and therefore were responsible for all damage.

Russian kiddies may be reading Aesop soon, as the purely Russian fables of Comrade Aesopski!—Contributed.

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FARM POWER IS FACTOR IN WAR

By JAMES PRESTON

Farm Power is becoming a definite factor in war planning.

The phrase "farm power" is seldom used. The economists employ a more intriguing phrase: "Economic Power."

In the days of small, professional armies, economic or farm power was not so important. But now that whole nations go on a mobilized basis farm power becomes all important.

The key to farm power is this: It is the percentage of population required to produce food for the total population. In either peace or war a nation must feed itself first. Napoleon summed this situation in his terse remark that "an army marches on its stomach."

Here are some figures on economic power.

In the U. S. it requires only 20 per cent of the population to feed 100 per cent of the whole nation. (And at this 20 per cent frequently produces too much.)

In Russia it takes 80 per cent to feed 100 per cent.

In Italy 55 per cent feeds 100 per cent.

In England-France 40 per cent feeds 100 per cent.

In Germany about 35 per cent feeds 100 per cent.

These figures have been compiled by a prominent Washington economist who points out that in considering the per cent required to feed the whole, two factors must be remembered: the percentage must include the number required to produce the actual food and also the number required to produce the cost of imports necessary to supplement domestic production.

In England the production percentage has gone up. While labor leaders probably hold a contrary view, economists argue that restrictions imposed by union labor regulations are the cause.

The production figures also indicate that Russia can give little aid to Germany.

Public conception of the two-ocean navy is different from what naval experts want.

Naval plans do not contemplate two actual fleets; that is one for the Pacific and a separate fleet for the Atlantic. The naval men want one fleet sufficiently strong to meet any combination of fighting craft which might be brought against them in either ocean.

One big reason for one fleet is that a divided fleet often leads to disaster. Then too, the Navy is afraid of local pride and local fear. For example, with war going on in Europe the Atlantic coast states might raise an awful protest against transfer of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific if trouble developed there.

Take Czarist Russia. The Czar had a Far East fleet, a Baltic fleet and a Black sea fleet. But the Japs sank the Far East fleet before the Baltic fleet arrived and then sank the Baltic fleet when it showed up. The combined Far East and Baltic fleets most probably could have whipped the Japs.

In a recent case before the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice asked the general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board if there were any examples of actual domination by employers of unions after an independent union representation plan was revised. The Labor Board counsel said that there were no such instances in the court record but the Labor Board believed that the plan held the seeds of company domination. In other words, a government agency, the Labor Board is now suspecting employers will violate a law they have not violated.

Secretary Wallace is so opposed to American involvement in the European hostilities that he will not permit the war situation to be discussed in his office. This example is not followed by all in official life.

More than one person is remarking that of all domestic news stories that of the Dies un-American investigation committee alone has remained on the front page since the start of the European war.

A check by Dies committee attaches shows that the committee received so much front page space as the world series.

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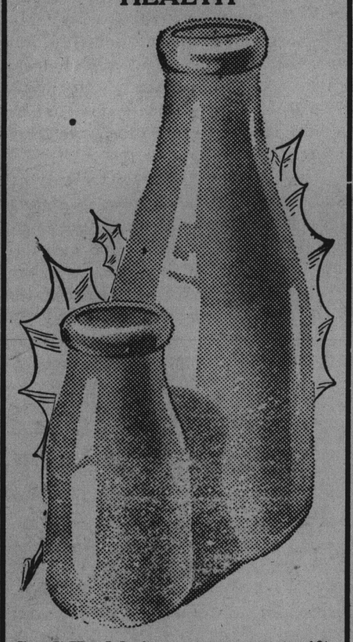
Leslie Land, forest foreman, up on the Gaston grade one day last week, discovered a lone grave near the junction of the roads to the Jim and Gaston mines. The wooden marker had fallen to the ground, apparently many years ago, and the wood had rotted. But there the painted lettering was, the wood had been preserved to form a bas relief for the name and age of the decedent, and the date of his death. The marker read:

Valentine Bran,
Farmingdale, Maine
Aged 29 Years
Died July 8, 1861

Beneath the fallen marker there was a slight mound. About the grave brush had grown and only the trained eye of a forester would have noted the spot where 78 years ago, a young man from Maine laid him down to eternal rest.

Mrs. William Ray of Sacramento spent Thanksgiving day and week end with her mother, Mrs. Fred Breese, in Nevada City.

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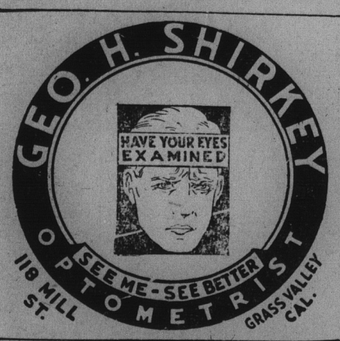
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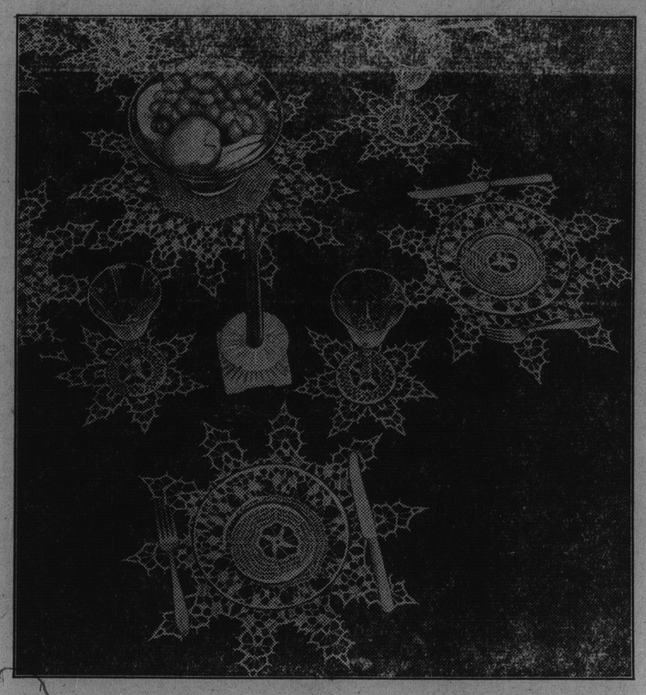
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Pictured above is one of Uncle Sam's newest long range anti-aircraft guns in action Electrical and mechanical devices used by the anti-aircraft corps, such as sound detectors, searchlights, and the anti-aircraft gun itself, are of the latest in design and under severe tests have proven the most effective of their kind. Due to the army expansion program, vacancies now exist for service in the Ninth Corps Area Anti-aircraft units located at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Soldiers in Service of Science



Pictured above are soldier technical assistants to army surgeons at the Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco. Hundreds of opportunities in the Medical Department of the new streamlined divisions of our rapidly expanding army recently have been allotted by the War Department. This authorized increase has created vacancies for X-Ray technicians, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, dental assistants, clerks, stenographers, ambulance drivers and others

EDITH CAVELL DRAMA TO BE HERE TUESDAY

The martyrdom of the renowned and patriotic war time nurse who suffered the penalty of death for smuggling convalescent soldiers out the combat zone, is the basis of "Nurse Edith Cavell," starring Anna Neagle, coming to the Nevada Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday.

The distinguished English star has a notable part as the altruistic British nurse, who aside from ministering to soldiers of all nationalities during the occupation of Belgium by the Germans, helped hundreds of the wounded fugitives to escape to Holland.

Based on actual events in the life of the great humanitarian, the dramatic story traces the activities of Edith Cavell from the time she headed a nursing home in Brussels, through the first year of the World War when she alternated her hospital work with the dangerous mission of smuggling Allied soldiers across the Dutch border, up to the fateful trial during which an enemy military court found her guilty. The heart-gripping story is said to offer the star of such English films as "Queen of Destiny" and "Victoria the Great" her most dramatic of vehicles.

Edna May Oliver, May Robson and ZaSu Pitts are seen as Cavell's close accomplices, while the cast of forty supporting players also includes George Sanders, Sophie Stewart, H. B. Warner and Robert Coote. Herbert Wilcox directed and produced the film for RKO Radio.

Clara: "Conductor, does this train stop at San Francisco?"

Conductor: "Well, if it doesn't, lady, there's going to be one heck of a splash."

Man touring by car in Scotland inquired of a villager:

"Pardon me, but could you tell me where Boody Street is?"

Villager: "Hoot mon, thet twod be a dead end street."

Man: "Well, isn't there some way to get through?"

Villager: "'m afraid not, loddy; there's be a toll bridge at the end."

Burglar: "Please let me go lady; I never did nothing wrong."

Old Maid: "Better late than never."

A big buck Indian had just ordered a ham sandwich at the drug store and was peering between the slices of toast when he turned and said to the clerk:

"Ugh, you slice um ham?"

"Yes, I sliced the ham," the clerk replied.

"Ugh," grunted the Indian, "you come close to miss um."

FOOTBALL FANS INVITED TO ELKS BENEFIT GAME

Football fans and fanettes in Nevada City are invited to attend the University of Creighton-University of San Francisco pre-game football rally which will be held Saturday night, December 2, in the Sacramento Elks Temple, 11th and J streets, Sacramento.

The large ballroom and clubrooms of the building will be thrown open for an evening of gridiron gaiety. The program will include entertainment features and the personal appearance of the University of San Francisco fifty piece band. Coach George Malley of the U. S. F. "Dons" and Marchie Schwartz, coach of the University of Creighton "Bluejays" are scheduled to attend the rally.

A leading orchestra has been engaged for those who wish to dance.

The rally is being held in conjunction with the University of Creighton University of San Francisco intersectional football game, which will be played in Sacramento on Sunday, December 3. Kick off time has been set for 2 p. m.

There will be no admission charge to the pre-game rally on December 2. Those who wish to attend may obtain invitations by contacting any Elks lodge member, or by writing the Elks Football Committee, Elks Temple, Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bigelow returned Sunday evening from a vacation spent in the bay district and Pacific Grove. Mrs. Bigelow is feeling much improved in health. They first went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gracey in Berkeley, for a few days then on to Pacific Grove to visit relatives and friends. While in San Francisco Mr. Bigelow retired supervisor of the Tahoe forest, attended the convention of society of foresters of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Day enjoyed a family reunion Thanksgiving day and those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Bartsch and children of Moonshine, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Browning and daughter of this city.

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XMAS TREES ARE BIG STATE CROP

BERKELEY, Nov. 27. — Between nine and ten million Christmas trees will be sold this year in the United States. Of this number California alone will use approximately one million.

This prediction is made by Woodbridge Metcalf, extension forester in the University of California College of Agriculture.

According to Metcalf, there are at least two million acres of land in California which will produce continuous crops of Christmas trees. The owners of well managed and favorable located stands of these trees can obtain a sizeable annual profit from them with virtually no damage to the forest.

The University expert believes that a well protected and managed forest of but ten thousand acres would produce all of the Christmas trees needed in California for an indefinite number of years. He points out that, contrary to widespread public opinion, selective cutting of such trees in natural forest stands can be of positive benefit instead of a source of serious damage.

Ross L. Taylor and niece, Mrs. Ruth Taylor, were scheduled to leave the Florence, Arizona, hospital last evening by train for Sacramento. Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, the latter wife of Ross F. Taylor of Downieville, are under the care of a special nurse. Reports here were that Ross L. Taylor developed pneumonia after he automobile accident which sent both of them to the hospital last week. Mr. Taylor's condition is not considered serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shattuck of Truckee who spent Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Shattuck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Tamblyn in this city motored to the bay district Saturday and attended the California-Stanford football game at Palo Alto. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. V. Tamblyn and son, Ben Tamblyn, Ben Tamblyn returned to his studies at College of Pacific.

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ANOTHER STATE FIGHT ON DEMON R'M IMPEND'NG

By CLEM WHITAKER

With its face lifted and its hair done up like a sprightly modern, the rejuvenated Anti-Saloon League, now doing business under the name of California Temperance Federation Inc., is girding for a new bout with Demon Rum!

And there's a goodly possibility that the old Demon will receipt for some Sunday punches during the coming year that will leave him slap-happy and slightly cock-eyed at the final bell.

Not that California is in any great danger of going "dry" again. Even the "drys" aren't prepared to seek a return to prohibition. But they are prepared to make a determined drive for restrictive legislation, cracking down on the liquor industry and tightening up regulation and enforcement.

The temperance organization, working in conjunction with the churches, women's clubs, the WCTU and other groups, will put its most vigorous effort behind a local option measure, which will be submitted to the voters at the 1940 general election. Although the text of the proposal has not yet been released, it is expected that the bill will give each community control of the liquor traffic in its own area—a program that makes the liquor industry bleary eyed just to contemplate.

Also proposed for the 1940 ballot is an initiative act to ban the sale of hard liquor by the glass in bars, restaurants, or hotels—and limit the sale of such high spirited beverages to packaged goods, to be dispensed by a system of state liquor stores, similar to plans now in effect in Oregon, Washington and many other states. Beer and wine taverns would be permitted under this act, but persons who insisted in drinking Scotch and soda, gin fizzes and the like, would have to mix their own at home or go thirsty.

The brewing industry, according to report, might favor the state liquor store act and even pungle up a few dollars to help put it across—but the thousands of retailers who now hold "on sale" hard liquor licenses will probably oppose the measure with bitter ferocity and every dollar left in their tills.

Just how Mr. and Mrs. Voter will react to the two measures is something nobody knows at this writing. All recent elections indicate that the "wets" far out-number the "drys" in California. On the other hand, undoubtedly there are many voters who feel there are too many Neon-lighted cocktail bars beckoning for tipplers. The question the voters will have to decide is whether the new proposals would better conditions or make them worse.

Skeptical citizens who have been inclined to scoff at reports of the spread of Communism in California —lightly dubbing such information as "red-baiting" or political gesturing—may be forced to change their tune ere long. Official returns, for example, on the recent San Francisco election reveal that Archie Brown, Communist candidate for supervisor, polled 31,000 votes. And that, in a city the size of San Francisco, is quite a hatful of votes—too many, in fact, to laugh off!

Don't expect the legislature to take too kindly to Governor Olson's idea of a state pension of $50 or $60 per month for everybody over 60. Most of the lawmakers recognize that such a pension would start a new stampede of destitute to California!

HEAD OF FOSSIL PEKING WOMAN RECONSTRUCTED

BERKELEY, Nov. 27.—A cast of the head and jaws of a female who belonged to the race of the Peking man, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of human forms, is now on display in the Museum of Anthropology of the University of California. The cast is a gift of Professor Franz Weidenreich, honorary director of the Cenozoic Research Laboratory of the Geological Survey of China. To students of the history and development of the body of man and its development, the remains of the Peking man are among the most precious known to science.

In the years between 1927 and 1937 the remains of a score or more of individuals of all ages and both sexes were found near Peking in Pleistocene deposits, whose age is not less than 500,000 years. None of the skulls was perfectly preserved, the region of the face being usually that which suffered the most damage.

However, the last excavations disclosed some intact pieces of the upper jaw and cheek bones of two women. This evidence made it possible to reconstruct the physiognomy of one of them—a narrow faced, prognathous individual with a low bridged and broad nose, rather massive cheek bones and a receding chin. Professor Weidenreich was aided in the delicate task of reconstruction by the sculptress, Mrs. Lucile Swan.

The addition to knowledge of the early forms of humanity represented by the present reconstruction is immense, according to Dr. A. L. Kroeber, professor of anthropology and director of the anthrolological museum. Half a million years ago man was already undergoing those progressive changes which reduced his face and jaws, thinned and lightened the structure of the brain containing part of the skull, and increased the size of his brain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martz came down from Pike City today to purchase winter supplies. Mr. Martz is employed at the Alaska mine which is sometimes snow bound.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Genter have returned from San Francisco and left Friday for Downieville where they are the guest of Miss Marjory Taylor, who is home for the holidays her mother and uncle, Ross L. Taylor, Sr., being in the hospital at Florence, Arizona. Ross F. Taylor has returned from Arizona, leaving the two convalescents.

Mrs. Mary Salmon, mother of Mrs. Lee Day is confined to her bed with a severe attack of illness. The many friends of this pioneer woman hope for an early recovery.

GAS IN WARFARE COSTLY, USELESS

BERKELEY, Nov. 27.—The use of gas and disease germs in wartime as a means of disabling the combatants, is much more of a bugaboo than a menace. The economic drain caused by this particular type of warfare should alone be sufficient to prevent its use, but does not constitute the principal objection to it on a purely wartime basis. Gas at least is useless against present defense methods, while epidemic and other germs could cause more damage among them than among the objects of such attack.

These findings on so-called chemical warfare and its results were enumerated here tonight by Dr. Philip J. Lipsett, instructor in surgery in the Universtiy of California Medical School and reserve colonel in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, in a lecture given under the auspices of the Extension Division of the University. Dr. Lipsett stated that he was giving the results of more than twenty years of intensive personal investigation into the question of the use of gas and disease germs in wartime and that he found the present and potential effects of both to be greatly overrated.

Lacy Jones, son of Mrs. Gladys Jones, came up from the bay district for the holiday and week end. He is attending University of California.

A certain chorine boasted that if all her lovers and ex-lovers were in one spot it would look like a convention. Another chorine spoke up and said:

"Yeah— G. A. R. convention."

Misses Eleanor, Louise, Gertrude and Elsie Schreiber spent the past week end in the bay district and attended the big game at Palo Alto.

Dr. W. P. Hawkins and son, Walter, Jr., left early Saturday morning for the bay district and attended the big game.



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